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AMENDMENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S.K. Goeller et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT116243
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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO HAVE PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED
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September 3, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

I, Donna Jo Coningsby, Reg. No. 41,684, of Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness^{PLLC}, 1420 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2800, Seattle, Washington 98101-2347, am a practitioner registered before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and make the following statements:

1. On June 25, 2004, I submitted an official Response to the Patent Office to the Office Action of February 26, 2004 with a Petition for a One-month extension of time.
2. On September 2, 2004, the examiner called to advise he had not received a response to the Office Action and that the application would be abandoned.
3. In view of the foregoing, I am supplying an additional copy of the previously filed Response, including a copy of the return receipt postcard confirming receipt of the Response in the Patent Office on June 28, 2004.
4. In view of the foregoing, I am further including a statement by Patricia Gribble, my legal assistant, who attests on personal knowledge to mailing the Response.
5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

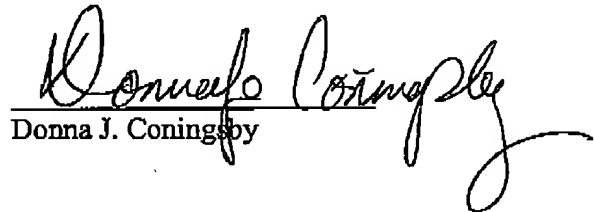
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made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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